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COCONUT CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to promote areas under Coconut cultivation of the coastal States;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, state-wise;

(c) whether the Government have granted any incentive for the Coconut growers in those states and Orissa in particular; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) During 1999-2000, for promoting expansion of area in potential coconut producing States including coastal States, Coconut Development Board provided assistance @ Rs.6000/- per ha. The assistance was increased during 2000-2001 to Rs.8000/- per ha. Besides, the programme for production and distribution of quality planting material is also being implemented.

(c) & (d) The funds released during 9th Plan to Orissa and other coconut producing States for increasing production and productivity of coconuts, is given below:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Orissa	Other States
1997-98	14.73	2770.32
1998-99	23.32	1693.68
1999-2000	230.19	1469.55
2000-2001	47.10	5524.08